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# TEXAS
## Labor Market Reviews

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION June 1984 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

### VICTORIA ESTIMATES PUBLISHED

Beginning with this issue, monthly estimates of nonagricultural wage and salary employment for the Victoria MSA will be published in this newsletter. Civilian labor force estimates for the Victoria MSA have been included for some time. With the addition of the Victoria wage and salary series, we are now publishing civilian labor force and nonagricultural wage and salary estimates for all 26 of the major metropolitan areas in the State.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

| | May 1984 | Apr. 1984 | May 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **United States (Actual)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 113,250.0 | 112,153.0 | 110,308.0 |
| Unemployment | 8,154.0 | 8,525.0 | 10,765.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.2 | 7.6 | 9.8 |
| Total Employment | 105,096.0 | 103,628.0 | 99,543.0 |
| **United States (Seasonally Adjusted)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 113,802.0 | 113,245.0 | 110,950.0 |
| Unemployment | 8,514.0 | 8,843.0 | 11,188.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.5 | 7.8 | 10.1 |
| Total Employment | 105,288.0 | 104,402.0 | 99,762.0 |
| **State of Texas (Actual)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 7,924.5 | 7,821.5 | 7,471.6 |
| Unemployment | 442.1 | 504.4 | 596.3 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.6 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| Total Employment | 7,482.4 | 7,317.1 | 6,875.3 |
| **State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)** | | | |
| Labor Force | 7,988.0 | 7,854.0 | 7,533.0 |
| Unemployment | 457.0 | 532.0 | 610.0 |
| Percent Unemployed | 5.7 | 6.8 | 8.1 |
| Total Employment | 7,531.0 | 7,322.0 | 6,923.0 |

### UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS

Continued improvement in the Texas economy was confirmed by the May labor force estimates, as the unemployment rate in the actual series declined from 6.4 percent in April to 5.6 percent in May. The number of jobless in May totaled 442,100, down 62,300 over the month. Comparison with year-ago rates reveals how healthy the Texas economy is now. In May 1983, the actual unemployment rate was 8.0 percent.

Total employment rose by 165,300 in the actual series over the month, to 7,482,400 -- a new record level. In the seasonally adjusted series, unemployment also dropped significantly, from 6.8 percent in April to 5.7 percent in May. The adjusted unemployment total declined by 75,000 over the month, to 457,000 at mid-May. Employment was up by 209,000 in May, totaling 7,531,000 in the adjusted series.

The U. S. actual unemployment rate also dipped between April and May, from 7.6 percent to 7.2 percent, as the National recovery continued. A slightly smaller drop was recorded in the seasonally adjusted series, from 7.8 percent in April to 7.5 percent in May.

### SALARIED NONFARM JOBS INCREASE

Almost 20,000 new jobs were added to the nonagricultural wage and salary employment total between April and May 1984, with increases throughout most of the major

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | May '84* | Apr.'84** | May '83* | May '84* | Apr.'84** | May '83** | May '84* | Apr.'84** | May '83** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN | | |
| TOTAL | 57,800 | 57,900 | 57,800 | 79,700 | 79,200 | 77,100 | 299,400 | 298,700 | 283,600 |
| Manufacturing | 5,900 | 5,900 | 6,900 | 9,600 | 9,700 | 9,700 | 34,800 | 34,800 | 33,100 |
| Mining | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 2,000 | 800 | 800 | 800 |
| Construction | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 4,000 | 3,800 | 3,800 | 19,500 | 19,200 | 16,900 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,100 | 3,200 | 3,100 | 6,800 | 6,500 | 6,400 | 8,100 | 8,200 | 8,000 |
| Trade | 15,100 | 15,100 | 14,900 | 24,100 | 24,000 | 22,700 | 67,700 | 67,500 | 63,600 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,100 | 18,800 | 18,600 | 18,000 |
| Services & Misc. | 13,700 | 13,700 | 13,200 | 14,700 | 14,700 | 14,700 | 60,000 | 59,700 | 56,500 |
| Government | 9,700 | 9,700 | 9,400 | 14,200 | 14,200 | 13,700 | 89,700 | 89,900 | 86,700 |
| | BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE | | | BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO | | | BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION | | |
| TOTAL | 141,500 | 139,900 | 141,200 | 63,200 | 63,300 | 61,400 | 46,300 | 46,600 | 45,300 |
| Manufacturing | 32,000 | 31,800 | 32,400 | 10,800 | 11,000 | 10,800 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,000 |
| Mining | 2,600 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 1,200 | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| Construction | 8,800 | 8,000 | 10,000 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 2,900 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 11,600 | 11,600 | 11,800 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,200 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,800 |
| Trade | 33,700 | 33,300 | 32,600 | 17,200 | 17,000 | 16,600 | 9,900 | 10,000 | 9,900 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,600 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,000 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 1,800 |
| Services & Misc. | 27,000 | 26,700 | 26,100 | 11,500 | 11,500 | 10,700 | 6,700 | 6,800 | 6,600 |
| Government | 20,100 | 20,300 | 20,200 | 14,100 | 14,200 | 13,600 | 18,600 | 18,800 | 18,200 |
| | CORPUS CHRISTI | | | DALLAS-FORT WORTH | | | EL PASO | | |
| TOTAL | 129,500 | 128,900 | 129,400 | 1,648.8 | 1,645.0 | 1,576.9 | 168,200 | 166,900 | 164,700 |
| Manufacturing | 14,600 | 14,500 | 13,800 | 318.0 | 317.7 | 305.5 | 37,300 | 37,200 | 35,900 |
| Mining | 7,400 | 7,300 | 7,200 | 28.1 | 28.1 | 28.9 | -- | -- | -- |
| Construction | 10,100 | 10,200 | 12,200 | 100.8 | 100.6 | 93.7 | 9,400 | 9,100 | 8,400 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 7,500 | 7,600 | 7,500 | 99.8 | 99.7 | 96.7 | 9,600 | 9,600 | 9,900 |
| Trade | 32,500 | 32,300 | 31,900 | 439.7 | 437.6 | 423.2 | 40,700 | 40,100 | 39,700 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 6,600 | 6,500 | 6,400 | 136.2 | 135.8 | 126.2 | 8,000 | 8,000 | 7,800 |
| Services & Misc. | 24,000 | 23,700 | 23,800 | 334.6 | 334.1 | 316.1 | 28,400 | 28,000 | 28,300 |
| Government | 26,800 | 26,800 | 26,600 | 191.6 | 191.4 | 186.6 | 34,800 | 34,900 | 34,700 |
| | GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY | | | HOUSTON 2/ | | | KILLEEN-TEMPLE | | |
| TOTAL | 68,800 | 68,600 | 68,500 | 1,525.3 | 1,518.2 | 1,501.8 | 63,100 | 62,500 | 59,600 |
| Manufacturing | 9,800 | 9,800 | 10,600 | 198.3 | 197.7 | 201.9 | 8,800 | 8,800 | 8,000 |
| Mining | 800 | 900 | 700 | 101.1 | 100.4 | 98.2 | -- | -- | -- |
| Construction | 4,200 | 4,200 | 4,000 | 130.6 | 130.4 | 136.1 | 4,000 | 3,900 | 3,400 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 5,900 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 104.3 | 104.2 | 104.6 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Trade | 12,500 | 12,400 | 12,800 | 370.3 | 368.1 | 365.2 | 15,100 | 14,900 | 13,900 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 4,500 | 4,500 | 4,500 | 107.6 | 106.6 | 105.1 | 2,500 | 2,400 | 2,300 |
| Services & Misc. | 10,700 | 10,600 | 10,700 | 328.2 | 325.7 | 309.8 | 11,300 | 11,300 | 10,900 |
| Government | 20,400 | 20,200 | 19,200 | 184.9 | 185.1 | 180.9 | 18,400 | 18,200 | 18,100 |

2/ In Thousands

industry sectors. Over one-fourth of the total gain was generated by the retail portion of trade, which was pushed up by seasonal increases. Temporary summer hiring was strongest in food stores and in the eating and drinking places sector of other retail trade. Spring weather also suggests gardening and home repairs, and numerous jobs were added in building materials and garden supplies.

Seasonal increases were also evident in services, which added 3,900 jobs over the month. Hiring among temporary help agencies, research laboratories, and security agencies pushed employment in business and repair services upward substantially. Amusement, including motion pictures, accelerated as Spring weather generated expansion in outdoor activities such as membership sports and recreation clubs. Hotels and other lodging places was also gearing up for the approach of the summer tourist season.

Favorable weather was somewhat influential in the sizeable increase in construction over the month, with 2,700 new jobs in May. Much of the growth occurred among special trade contractors. This marks the fourth consecutive monthly increase for construction, which is still 11,700 jobs below the May 1983 level.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| Industry | May '84* | Apr. '84** | May '83** | May '84* | Apr. '84** | May '83** | May '84* | Apr. '84** | May '83** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | LAREDO | | | LONGVIEW-MARSHALL | | | LUBBOCK | | |
| TOTAL | 30,700 | 30,300 | 29,500 | 67,400 | 67,200 | 67,200 | 91,200 | 91,600 | 91,700 |
| Manufacturing | 2,000 | 1,900 | 1,700 | 14,700 | 14,800 | 15,000 | 9,200 | 9,300 | 12,600 |
| Mining | 1,200 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,900 | 500 | 500 | 400 |
| Construction | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,400 | 4,700 | 4,700 | 4,900 | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,100 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,200 | 3,100 | 3,100 | 3,600 | 3,600 | 3,700 | 4,600 | 4,700 | 4,500 |
| Trade | 9,100 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 17,400 | 17,200 | 16,700 | 26,800 | 26,900 | 25,700 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,900 | 5,400 | 5,400 | 5,200 |
| Services & Misc. | 5,100 | 5,100 | 4,800 | 11,100 | 11,000 | 11,000 | 19,400 | 19,300 | 18,600 |
| Government | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,000 | 8,400 | 8,400 | 8,100 | 21,000 | 21,200 | 20,600 |
| | MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG | | | MIDLAND | | | ODESSA | | |
| TOTAL | 78,000 | 78,000 | 77,900 | 56,800 | 55,300 | 50,300 | 58,300 | 57,900 | 54,300 |
| Manufacturing | 10,100 | 9,800 | 9,500 | 3,900 | 3,900 | 3,600 | 5,900 | 5,900 | 6,100 |
| Mining | 1,300 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 12,700 | 12,500 | 12,100 | 8,600 | 8,500 | 8,400 |
| Construction | 5,000 | 5,000 | 5,200 | 3,500 | 3,300 | 3,800 | 4,200 | 4,600 | 4,100 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,700 | 2,700 | 2,600 | 3,000 | 2,900 | 2,700 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| Trade | 24,200 | 24,400 | 25,000 | 13,900 | 13,500 | 11,500 | 18,000 | 17,500 | 15,500 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,100 | 4,000 | 3,900 | 3,500 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,500 |
| Services & Misc. | 11,400 | 11,400 | 10,900 | 9,800 | 9,300 | 7,900 | 8,900 | 8,900 | 7,800 |
| Government | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,200 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 5,200 | 7,300 | 7,200 | 6,900 |
| | SAN ANGELO | | | SAN ANTONIO | | | SHERMAN-DENISON | | |
| TOTAL | 37,600 | 37,500 | 37,200 | 455,300 | 452,800 | 434,600 | 34,700 | 34,500 | 34,400 |
| Manufacturing | 5,600 | 5,600 | 5,600 | 51,200 | 50,800 | 48,800 | 11,600 | 11,600 | 11,200 |
| Mining | 700 | 700 | 900 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 3,300 | 200 | 200 | 200 |
| Construction | 2,300 | 2,300 | 2,400 | 32,200 | 32,200 | 30,800 | 1,200 | 1,300 | 1,400 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,800 | 18,600 | 18,500 | 17,900 | 2,100 | 2,100 | 2,100 |
| Trade | 9,300 | 9,200 | 8,900 | 117,600 | 116,300 | 109,900 | 7,100 | 6,800 | 7,200 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,500 | 32,700 | 32,500 | 31,000 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 1,200 |
| Services & Misc. | 7,400 | 7,400 | 7,500 | 98,800 | 98,700 | 94,100 | 6,300 | 6,300 | 6,300 |
| Government | 6,900 | 6,900 | 6,600 | 100,700 | 100,300 | 98,800 | 4,900 | 4,900 | 4,800 |
| | TEXARKANA | | | TYLER | | | VICTORIA 3/ | | |
| TOTAL | 46,700 | 46,600 | 45,800 | 58,400 | 58,000 | 57,100 | 28,500 | 28,300 | 28,300 |
| Manufacturing | 8,800 | 8,700 | 8,500 | 12,300 | 12,200 | 11,700 | 3,000 | 3,000 | 3,100 |
| Mining | 100 | 100 | 100 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 3,000 | 2,400 | 2,400 | 2,800 |
| Construction | 2,000 | 1,800 | 1,900 | 2,500 | 2,400 | 2,600 | 2,400 | 2,300 | 2,400 |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,900 | 2,900 | 3,000 | 2,800 | 1,500 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Trade | 10,700 | 11,000 | 10,600 | 14,700 | 14,600 | 14,400 | 7,700 | 7,600 | 7,600 |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 3,200 | 3,100 | 3,200 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,600 |
| Services & Misc. | 8,600 | 8,600 | 8,100 | 11,800 | 11,700 | 11,600 | 5,500 | 5,500 | 5,200 |
| Government | 12,800 | 12,700 | 13,000 | 8,100 | 8,100 | 7,800 | 4,300 | 4,300 | 4,100 |
| | WACO | | | WICHITA FALLS | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 77,200 | 75,900 | 73,200 | 53,900 | 53,500 | 52,000 | | | |
| Manufacturing | 16,200 | 15,600 | 15,400 | 9,600 | 9,200 | 8,500 | | | |
| Mining | -- | -- | -- | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | | | |
| Construction | 4,200 | 4,100 | 3,700 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 2,000 | | | |
| Trans., Comm., & Util. | 3,200 | 3,200 | 3,200 | 2,800 | 2,800 | 2,800 | | | |
| Trade | 19,600 | 19,400 | 18,100 | 13,500 | 13,400 | 13,100 | | | |
| Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est. | 4,600 | 4,600 | 4,600 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 2,500 | | | |
| Services & Misc. | 17,700 | 17,400 | 16,600 | 9,300 | 9,300 | 9,100 | | | |
| Government | 11,700 | 11,600 | 11,600 | 10,800 | 10,900 | 10,800 | | | |

1/ All estimates (except Victoria) prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
* Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.
3/ Estimates for the Victoria MSA are sponsored by TEC.

The hiring of temporary workers in the federal and local sectors generated 2,100 additions in government between April and May. Employment in the state portion was unchanged over the month. An additional 1,500 jobs were created in finance, insurance and real estate in May. Most of the growth occurred among insurance agents and brokers and among loan officers and credit agencies in other finance, insurance and real estate.

Although mining recorded only 900 new jobs in May, that was the largest increase for this sector since January 1984 when 1,500 jobs were added. The majority of the gain was, as usual, in the oil and gas extraction portion of mining.

Job growth in manufacturing slowed over the month, as only 2,900 positions were added. The majority of the advance was centered in durable goods, where gains were fairly widespread. The single durable goods sector which showed the most growth in May was electric and electronic equipment. This industry has produced 7,700 new jobs between May 1983 and May 1984.

# TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

| Industry | May 1984 | Apr. 1984 | May 1983 | Change From Apr. 1984 | Change From May 1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT± | 6,336,300 | 6,316,400 | 6,154,800 | 19,900 | 181,500 |
| Manufacturing | 986,300 | 983,400 | 954,300 | 2,900 | 32,000 |
| Durable Goods | 569,100 | 567,000 | 544,600 | 2,100 | 24,500 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 42,300 | 41,800 | 39,800 | 500 | 2,500 |
| Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills | 7,700 | 7,600 | 7,300 | 100 | 400 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 17,600 | 17,700 | 16,400 | -100 | 1,200 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 48,700 | 48,200 | 44,600 | 500 | 4,100 |
| Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products | 22,700 | 22,500 | 20,500 | 200 | 2,200 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 35,500 | 35,100 | 33,200 | 400 | 2,300 |
| Fabricated Metal Industries | 79,700 | 81,000 | 79,500 | -1,300 | 200 |
| Fabricated Structural Metal Products | 43,700 | 43,800 | 43,300 | -100 | 400 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 134,400 | 133,700 | 130,900 | 700 | 3,500 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 43,800 | 43,500 | 42,500 | 300 | 1,300 |
| Electric & Electronic Equipment | 101,900 | 100,900 | 94,200 | 1,000 | 7,700 |
| Transportation Equipment | 73,500 | 73,100 | 71,000 | 400 | 2,500 |
| Aircraft & Parts | 37,200 | 37,100 | 37,500 | 100 | -300 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 23,300 | 23,200 | 22,600 | 100 | 700 |
| Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries | 12,200 | 12,300 | 12,400 | -100 | -200 |
| Nondurable Goods | 417,200 | 416,400 | 409,700 | 800 | 7,500 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 95,600 | 94,800 | 92,000 | 800 | 3,600 |
| Meat Products | 23,800 | 23,800 | 24,600 | 0 | -800 |
| Dairy Products | 4,900 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 100 | 100 |
| Bakery Products | 13,000 | 12,800 | 10,600 | 200 | 2,400 |
| Malt Beverages | 3,400 | 3,400 | 3,300 | 0 | 100 |
| Textile Mill Products | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,900 | 0 | 100 |
| Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products | 62,600 | 62,500 | 61,400 | 100 | 1,200 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 22,200 | 22,100 | 21,800 | 100 | 400 |
| Printing & Publishing | 71,700 | 71,700 | 68,300 | 0 | 3,400 |
| Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ. | 35,700 | 35,900 | 34,900 | -200 | 800 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 76,700 | 76,800 | 77,600 | -100 | -900 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 42,700 | 42,800 | 44,000 | -100 | -1,300 |
| Petroleum Refining | 39,500 | 39,600 | 40,900 | -100 | -1,400 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 8,200 | 8,200 | 8,900 | 0 | -700 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 32,500 | 32,500 | 30,800 | 0 | 1,700 |
| Total Nonmanufacturing | 5,350,000 | 5,333,000 | 5,200,500 | 17,000 | 149,500 |
| Mining | 267,200 | 266,300 | 259,400 | 900 | 7,800 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 257,300 | 256,500 | 249,600 | 800 | 7,700 |
| Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel | 9,900 | 9,800 | 9,800 | 100 | 100 |
| Construction | 408,700 | 406,000 | 420,400 | 2,700 | -11,700 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities | 380,000 | 379,700 | 369,000 | 300 | 11,000 |
| Railroad Transportation | 25,300 | 25,400 | 24,200 | -100 | 1,100 |
| Transportation, Except Railroads | 180,500 | 180,300 | 169,300 | 200 | 11,200 |
| Transportation by Air | 35,600 | 35,700 | 36,400 | -100 | -800 |
| Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service | 96,400 | 96,300 | 96,500 | 100 | -100 |
| Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services | 77,800 | 77,700 | 79,000 | 100 | -1,200 |
| Electric Services | 43,700 | 43,600 | 43,900 | 100 | -200 |
| Gas Production & Distribution | 28,800 | 28,900 | 30,000 | -100 | -1,200 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 1,590,600 | 1,585,000 | 1,541,600 | 5,600 | 49,000 |
| Wholesale Trade | 442,700 | 442,000 | 431,600 | 700 | 11,100 |
| Retail Trade | 1,147,900 | 1,143,000 | 1,110,000 | 4,900 | 37,900 |
| Building Materials & Garden Supplies | 55,400 | 54,800 | 51,700 | 600 | 3,700 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 142,500 | 142,400 | 139,400 | 100 | 3,100 |
| Food Stores | 207,700 | 206,300 | 198,300 | 1,400 | 9,400 |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Stations | 132,600 | 132,100 | 129,000 | 500 | 3,600 |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores | 77,100 | 77,100 | 76,300 | 0 | 800 |
| Other Retail Trade | 532,600 | 530,300 | 515,300 | 2,300 | 17,300 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 403,800 | 402,300 | 398,400 | 1,500 | 5,400 |
| Banking | 103,300 | 103,100 | 103,200 | 200 | 100 |
| Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers | 124,000 | 123,400 | 121,700 | 600 | 2,300 |
| Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 176,500 | 175,800 | 165,100 | 700 | 11,400 |
| Services | 1,219,700 | 1,215,800 | 1,171,600 | 3,900 | 48,100 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 77,700 | 76,900 | 75,700 | 800 | 2,000 |
| Personal Services | 73,400 | 73,900 | 72,600 | -500 | 800 |
| Business & Repair Services | 325,100 | 321,000 | 305,600 | 4,100 | 19,500 |
| Amusement, Including Motion Pictures | 53,400 | 52,000 | 51,700 | 1,400 | 1,700 |
| Health Services | 344,000 | 343,900 | 333,700 | 100 | 10,300 |
| Educational Services | 62,900 | 65,500 | 56,800 | -2,600 | 6,100 |
| Other Services & Miscellaneous | 283,200 | 282,600 | 275,500 | 600 | 7,700 |
| Total Government | 1,080,000 | 1,077,900 | 1,048,500 | 2,100 | 31,500 |
| Total Federal Government | 182,000 | 180,800 | 174,000 | 1,200 | 8,000 |
| Total State Government | 222,500 | 222,500 | 220,800 | 0 | 1,700 |
| Total Local Government | 675,500 | 674,600 | 653,700 | 900 | 21,800 |

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment & Training Administration, U. S. Department of Labor.

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# CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
## TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | May '84* | Apr. '84** | May '83** | May '84* | Apr. '84** | May '83** | May '84* | Apr. '84** | May '83** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABILENE | | | AMARILLO | | | AUSTIN | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 78,400 | 77,600 | 75,100 | 102,800 | 100,900 | 94,700 | 351,600 | 345,800 | 317,600 |
| Total Unemployment | 3,000 | 3,600 | 3,800 | 4,400 | 4,700 | 4,800 | 11,300 | 12,900 | 13,500 |
| Percent Unemployed | 3.8 | 4.6 | 5.1 | 4.3 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 4.3 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 75,400 | 74,000 | 71,300 | 98,400 | 96,200 | 89,900 | 340,300 | 332,900 | 304,100 |
| | BEAUMONT-PT. A.-ORANGE | | | BROWNS.-HARL.-SAN BENITO | | | BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 180,800 | 180,900 | 177,300 | 93,300 | 93,500 | 89,000 | 57,100 | 56,600 | 53,900 |
| Total Unemployment | 19,100 | 22,000 | 24,600 | 11,800 | 13,600 | 13,500 | 2,000 | 2,200 | 2,500 |
| Percent Unemployed | 10.6 | 12.2 | 13.9 | 12.6 | 14.5 | 15.2 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 161,700 | 158,900 | 152,700 | 81,500 | 79,900 | 75,500 | 55,100 | 54,400 | 51,400 |
| | CORPUS CHRISTI | | | DALLAS-FORT WORTH 3/ | | | EL PASO | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 169,200 | 168,000 | 166,200 | 1,905.3 | 1,876.6 | 1,754.6 | 200,800 | 198,600 | 193,500 |
| Total Unemployment | 13,400 | 15,200 | 18,400 | 66.3 | 73.6 | 91.4 | 17,200 | 19,400 | 23,800 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.9 | 9.0 | 11.1 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 12.3 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 155,800 | 152,800 | 147,800 | 1,839.0 | 1,803.0 | 1,663.2 | 183,600 | 179,200 | 169,700 |
| | GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY | | | HOUSTON 3/ | | | KILLEEN-TEMPLE | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 93,000 | 92,200 | 90,500 | 1,796.9 | 1,773.7 | 1,727.6 | 77,500 | 76,300 | 70,600 |
| Total Unemployment | 8,400 | 9,500 | 10,900 | 114.7 | 128.8 | 166.0 | 3,500 | 4,000 | 4,400 |
| Percent Unemployed | 9.0 | 10.3 | 12.0 | 6.4 | 7.3 | 9.6 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 6.2 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 84,600 | 82,700 | 79,600 | 1,682.2 | 1,644.9 | 1,561.6 | 74,000 | 72,300 | 66,200 |
| | LAREDO | | | LONGVIEW-MARSHALL | | | LUBBOCK | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 39,300 | 40,300 | 41,000 | 80,100 | 79,700 | 78,900 | 115,600 | 114,800 | 111,100 |
| Total Unemployment | 6,800 | 8,300 | 10,700 | 6,200 | 7,000 | 9,100 | 6,000 | 7,000 | 6,600 |
| Percent Unemployed | 17.3 | 20.6 | 26.1 | 7.7 | 8.8 | 11.5 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 5.9 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 32,500 | 32,000 | 30,300 | 73,900 | 72,700 | 69,800 | 109,600 | 107,800 | 104,500 |
| | MCALLEN-PHARR-EDINBURG | | | MIDLAND | | | ODESSA | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 118,600 | 119,800 | 113,600 | 72,400 | 70,400 | 62,900 | 76,800 | 75,300 | 71,200 |
| Total Unemployment | 21,700 | 27,500 | 18,700 | 2,600 | 2,900 | 3,600 | 3,700 | 4,200 | 6,900 |
| Percent Unemployed | 18.3 | 23.0 | 16.5 | 3.6 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 4.8 | 5.6 | 9.7 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 96,900 | 92,300 | 94,900 | 69,800 | 67,500 | 59,300 | 73,100 | 71,100 | 64,300 |
| | SAN ANGELO | | | SAN ANTONIO | | | SHERMAN-DENISON | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 51,400 | 50,600 | 48,800 | 533,800 | 523,800 | 488,700 | 40,900 | 40,300 | 39,600 |
| Total Unemployment | 1,900 | 2,200 | 2,600 | 24,300 | 26,400 | 29,200 | 2,000 | 2,300 | 3,200 |
| Percent Unemployed | 3.7 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 5.7 | 8.1 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 49,500 | 48,400 | 46,200 | 509,500 | 497,400 | 459,500 | 38,900 | 38,000 | 36,400 |
| | TEXARKANA | | | TYLER | | | VICTORIA | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 53,800 | 53,300 | 51,200 | 79,600 | 78,900 | 74,800 | 37,900 | 37,500 | 37,600 |
| Total Unemployment | 4,200 | 4500 | 5,000 | 3,300 | 3,800 | 4,700 | 2,100 | 2,600 | 3,800 |
| Percent Unemployed | 7.8 | 8.4 | 9.8 | 4.1 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 10.1 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 49,600 | 48,800 | 46,200 | 76,300 | 75,100 | 70,100 | 35,800 | 34,900 | 33,800 |
| | WACO | | | WICHITA FALLS | | | STATE OF TEXAS 3/ | | |
| Total Civilian Labor Force | 95,000 | 92,800 | 87,000 | 70,100 | 68,900 | 65,900 | 7,924.5 | 7,821.5 | 7,471.6 |
| Total Unemployment | 3,800 | 4,000 | 4,600 | 2,900 | 3,200 | 4,500 | 442.1 | 504.4 | 596.3 |
| Percent Unemployed | 4.0 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 4.6 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| Total Employment 2/ | 91,200 | 88,800 | 82,400 | 67,200 | 65,700 | 61,400 | 7,482.4 | 7,317.1 | 6,875.3 |

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

| | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | May ± 1984 | Apr. 1984 | May 1983 | May ± 1984 | Apr. 1984 | May 1983 | May ± 1984 | Apr. 1984 | May 1983 |
| **FOR TEXAS** | | | | | | | | | |
| MANUFACTURING TOTAL | $375.65 | $378.71 | $357.21 | 41.6 | 41.8 | 40.5 | $ 9.03 | $ 9.06 | $ 8.82 |
| Durable Goods | 368.16 | 372.07 | 347.20 | 41.6 | 41.9 | 40.0 | 8.85 | 8.88 | 8.68 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 251.62 | 251.06 | 246.96 | 39.5 | 39.6 | 39.2 | 6.37 | 6.34 | 6.30 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 220.80 | 221.54 | 224.64 | 38.2 | 38.0 | 38.4 | 5.78 | 5.83 | 5.85 |
| Stone, Clay, & Glass Prods. | 374.00 | 373.89 | 343.29 | 44.0 | 44.3 | 43.4 | 8.50 | 8.44 | 7.91 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 399.84 | 405.25 | 407.12 | 40.8 | 41.1 | 38.7 | 9.80 | 9.86 | 10.52 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 350.96 | 355.52 | 345.93 | 41.0 | 41.1 | 39.0 | 8.56 | 8.65 | 8.87 |
| Machinery, Exc. Electric | 377.40 | 378.25 | 335.16 | 42.5 | 42.5 | 39.2 | 8.88 | 8.90 | 8.55 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 465.04 | 471.96 | 414.22 | 43.3 | 43.7 | 39.3 | 10.74 | 10.80 | 10.54 |
| Elec. & Electronic Equip. | 374.33 | 388.41 | 346.58 | 41.0 | 41.9 | 40.3 | 9.13 | 9.27 | 8.60 |
| Transportation Equipment | 513.30 | 523.03 | 472.58 | 43.5 | 44.1 | 41.6 | 11.80 | 11.86 | 11.36 |
| Instr. & Related Products | 299.51 | 301.09 | 311.15 | 38.3 | 38.8 | 38.7 | 7.82 | 7.76 | 8.04 |
| Misc. Mfg. Industries | 266.85 | 266.34 | 297.98 | 39.3 | 39.4 | 41.1 | 6.79 | 6.76 | 7.25 |
| Nondurable Goods | 386.56 | 388.32 | 371.21 | 41.7 | 41.8 | 41.2 | 9.27 | 9.29 | 9.01 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 330.49 | 329.93 | 323.25 | 42.1 | 41.5 | 42.2 | 7.85 | 7.95 | 7.66 |
| Meat Product | 297.47 | 272.39 | 307.12 | 44.8 | 40.9 | 44.0 | 6.64 | 6.66 | 6.98 |
| Malt Beverages | 738.06 | 733.60 | 635.47 | 46.1 | 45.2 | 43.2 | 16.01 | 16.23 | 14.71 |
| Textile Mill Products | 278.81 | 289.58 | 261.86 | 41.8 | 42.9 | 42.1 | 6.67 | 6.75 | 6.22 |
| Apprl. & Other Text. Prods. | 191.69 | 192.57 | 183.46 | 39.2 | 39.3 | 38.3 | 4.89 | 4.90 | 4.79 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 431.12 | 432.37 | 410.29 | 44.4 | 44.3 | 44.5 | 9.71 | 9.76 | 9.22 |
| Printing & Publishing | 343.31 | 348.84 | 331.10 | 40.2 | 40.8 | 39.7 | 8.54 | 8.55 | 8.34 |
| Chemicals & Allied Products | 603.78 | 586.87 | 569.61 | 42.7 | 41.8 | 42.1 | 14.14 | 14.04 | 13.53 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 619.96 | 632.95 | 603.07 | 44.0 | 44.7 | 43.2 | 14.09 | 14.16 | 13.96 |
| Petroleum Refining | 635.80 | 649.04 | 616.59 | 44.0 | 44.7 | 43.3 | 14.45 | 14.52 | 14.24 |
| Leather & Leather Products | 206.08 | 197.62 | 192.89 | 36.8 | 36.8 | 38.5 | 5.60 | 5.37 | 5.01 |
| Other Nondurable Goods | 388.43 | 405.90 | 341.12 | 43.4 | 45.0 | 41.6 | 8.95 | 9.02 | 8.20 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | | | | | | | | | |
| Mining | 488.70 | 488.37 | 480.70 | 46.9 | 46.6 | 46.4 | 10.42 | 10.48 | 10.36 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 491.51 | 491.63 | 484.88 | 46.9 | 46.6 | 46.4 | 10.48 | 10.55 | 10.45 |
| Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls, Exc Fuel | 424.91 | 428.71 | 379.29 | 46.9 | 47.9 | 45.1 | 9.06 | 8.95 | 8.41 |
| Comm., Exc. U.S. Postal Service | 422.97 | 421.79 | 384.80 | 39.2 | 39.2 | 37.8 | 10.79 | 10.76 | 10.18 |
| Elec., Gas, & San. Svcs. | 423.07 | 437.38 | 404.91 | 39.8 | 40.8 | 40.9 | 10.63 | 10.72 | 9.90 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 240.10 | 236.65 | 229.83 | 35.0 | 34.7 | 34.1 | 6.86 | 6.82 | 6.74 |
| Wholesale Trade | 364.91 | 364.61 | 353.51 | 40.5 | 40.2 | 39.9 | 9.01 | 9.07 | 8.86 |
| Retail Trade | 195.36 | 190.97 | 184.64 | 33.0 | 32.7 | 32.0 | 5.92 | 5.84 | 5.77 |
| General Mdse. Stores | 160.19 | 153.70 | 166.10 | 29.5 | 29.0 | 30.2 | 5.43 | 5.30 | 5.50 |
| Banking | 255.57 | 263.20 | 244.50 | 39.5 | 40.0 | 37.5 | 6.47 | 6.58 | 6.52 |

## HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DALLAS-FORT WORTH | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | $370.30 | $370.24 | $349.92 | 41.7 | 41.6 | 40.5 | $ 8.88 | $ 8.90 | $ 8.64 |
| Durable Goods | 386.23 | 388.41 | 366.21 | 41.8 | 41.9 | 40.6 | 9.24 | 9.27 | 9.02 |
| Nondurable Goods | 333.68 | 329.25 | 313.94 | 41.4 | 40.9 | 40.3 | 8.06 | 8.05 | 7.79 |
| HOUSTON | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 469.52 | 411.94 | 542.72 | 42.8 | 43.0 | 42.4 | 10.97 | 9.58 | 12.80 |
| Durable Goods | 470.37 | 412.27 | 544.43 | 42.8 | 42.9 | 42.7 | 10.99 | 9.61 | 12.75 |
| Nondurable Goods | 438.86 | 382.08 | 512.68 | 40.9 | 39.8 | 42.3 | 10.73 | 9.60 | 12.12 |
| SAN ANTONIO | | | | | | | | | |
| Manufacturing | 284.66 | 284.39 | 272.30 | 41.8 | 41.7 | 41.7 | 6.81 | 6.82 | 6.53 |
| Durable Goods | 313.85 | 315.44 | 292.73 | 42.7 | 42.8 | 41.7 | 7.35 | 7.37 | 7.02 |
| Nondurable Goods | 253.99 | 252.13 | 252.89 | 40.9 | 40.6 | 41.8 | 6.21 | 6.21 | 6.05 |

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift Work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revisions upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Nonelectrical machinery also reported growth over the month, as 700 new positions were created. Although the gains were spread throughout this industry, most of the increase was concentrated in oil field machinery. The acceleration in construction has generated higher demand for lumber and wood products and for stone, clay and glass products, producing new jobs.

Smaller growth was registered in primary metal industries, transportation equipment, and instruments and related products. Widespread labor-management disputes in fabricated metal industries dropped employment by 1,300 over the month. Moderate losses were recorded in furniture and fixtures and in miscellaneous manufacturing industries.

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Nondurable goods was only able to produce a total of 800 new jobs over the month, as gains and losses were interspersed among its industries. The most significant increase occurred in food and kindred products, as seasonal harvesting of preserved fruits and vegetables was active.

Apparel and other finished textile products had a small increase over the month, as did paper and allied products. Minor downturns were registered in chemicals and allied products and in petroleum and coal products. Other nondurable goods categories remained stable between April and May. The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose by 3,600 over the month, to total 664,200 at mid-May.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS DECLINE

Both the number of hours worked and the average hourly wage for manufacturing production workers in Texas dropped between April and May. Average weekly hours worked was down 0.2 hour over the month, while hourly earnings declined by 3¢. The combined effect of these decreases was a drop of $3.06 in average weekly earnings in May. An average worker put in 41.6 hours per week at $9.03 per hour, and averaged $375.65 per week in May.

One industry experienced a notable change over the month. Employment expansion in electric and electronic equipment brought hourly earnings down as more lower-paid workers were hired, and less overtime was worked due to the expanded workforce.

Hours worked were up substantially from a year earlier, when only 40.5 hours were worked. Average hourly earnings also increased by 21¢ from the $8.82 average for May 1983. Average weekly earnings rose $18.44 over the year.

TEC ACTIVITIES

| | May 1984 | May 1983 |
|---|---|---|
| Total Population | 16,252,600 | 15,696,700 |
| % UI Covered Unemployment | 1.7 | 2.7 |
| UI Covered Employers | 299,961 | 293,289 |
| Total Claims Actions | 439,380 | 705,737 |
| Total Initial Claims Actions | 51,749 | 71,956 |
| Total Cont'd. Claims Actions | 387,631 | 633,781 |
| Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount | $136.75 | $135.72 |
| Total Amount Paid (Net)* | $46,077,043 | $79,964,172 |
| Total Placements | 45,277 | 37,035 |

*Includes amounts paid in regular State UI benefits.

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